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POINTERS FROM MRS. SPENCER ON THE BALLOT'S POWER.

Misconceptions as to What It Has Done in Colorado Set Straight-Mrs. O. H.

Mrs. Anna Garlan Spencer told the members of the Equal Franchise League which met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Philip Lydig, 38 East Fifty-second street, that it was entirely legitimate for any class of persons to ask for the suffrage on whatever basis they deemed reasonable. There was no reason why a woman couldn't be an aristocrat and a yearner for the political power at one and the same time. She would not, however, conceal from them the fact that every attempt made in this country to secure the franchise for a limited number of women had met with an opposition more bitter than that aroused by the movement for granting the suffrage to women on the same terms as men.

Some persons overestimated the power of the ballot, she said, and others underestimated it, and she really thought the first mentioned class was the more inimical to progress. She told what the vote of women had done in Colorado, and what it hadn't done, and what it ought ressonably to be expected to do, and what in ordinary justice couldn't be demanded

Whatever may or may not be truthfully said for or against the result, the women of Colorado were inveterate ballot scratchers. The politicians all dmitted that their vote was an uncertain quantity and could not be delivered. In fact they couldn't be depended upon to vote for any one in particular. It was a sure thing that they would vote against a man whose personal character they did not approve of, but it was impossible for any one to prophesy on any other basis what candidate would or would not strike them favorably. Mrs. Spencer added that this condition of affairs might shortly change, as it was rumored that a woman's party was in process of formation in Denver, and if such a party actually became a factor in politics its secrets would be sure to leak out.

A woman in the front row of gilt chairs then asked Mrs. Spencer why it was that so many false reports were circulated concerning the results of woman suffrage in Colorado. The speaker replied that so far as she knew it was impossible to prevent the spread of falsehood. An or- next Tuesday as to whether the Interbeen grossly misrepresented in the public to equip all its subway cars with side press, but apparently nothing could be

Miss Janet Richards wanted to know whether the granting of the ballot to women would make it possible for them to insist upon fairer treatment from the newspapers. Mrs Spencer said that power always counted. Miss Richards spoke of the new train. further concerning the unfairness of the newspapers to women's organizations, and Mrs. Spencer tried to explain that the papers probably simply labored under the delusion that the public liked to have however, didn't seem to be entirely satisfied until Mrs. Lydig announced soothingly that all the papers had been absolutely just to the Equal Franchise League.

Miss Mary Garrett Hay said she thought that too much had been said about the contile willing of the woman's vote.

TALK VOTES AT MRS. LYDIG'S
She wanted the ballot, she said, upon the ground of abstract justice, because she had just as much right to vote as had her

alas! this was a utilitarian age.

Mrs. Gabrielle Stewart Mulliner told what a big impression the committee of women who were advocating the estab-lishment of a special court for women offenders had made down at City Hall P. Belmont to Join the Albany Cru- earlier in the day and got a round of applause.
After the meeting adjourned many of

those present stayed to talk over plans for the delegation which is to go to Albany on February 24 to persuade the judiciary committee of the Legislature to report committee of the Legislature to report the suffrage resolution introduced by Assemblyman Toombs. Great disappointment was expressed over the fact that Mrs. Lydig's ill health will prevent her from making the trip. It had been the earnest wish of some of the leaders in other organizations that she should be among the speakers. She has acquired a reputation among those who have been active for years in the struggle for franchise of possessing a faculty for going quickly to the root of any matter under discussion, as well as the power of putting things both clearly and graphically.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay, president of the league, may be kept at home owing to the illness of her little daughter, but Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont said that she hoped to be present.

be present.
"I shall most certainly go if my doctor
"I let me," she said, "but I don't think will let me," she said, "but I don't think that I shail speak. I have never spollen before so large an audience, and I don't believe that even my great interest in the cause would give me the necessary cour-

Mrs. John Brannan will formally represent the league oratorically, and she will be silently supported by at least a

JAIL DOCTOR WANTS PAY. Has Served for a Year Without It and the Prospect Isn't Good.

Dr. Charles Phillips, who was appointed but has not received any compensation, yesterday made application to Justice Thomas in the Supreme Court, Brook-lyn, for a mandamus to compel Comp-troller Metz to pay him his salary.

troller Metz to pay him his salary.

Assistant Corporation (Compsel Whitney in opposing the application said that much confusion resulted from the transfer of authority at the jail from the Sheriff to the Department of Correction, and that there was some doubt as to whether or not the old act of the Supervisors was repealed in the new law. He also was repealed in the new law. He also said that Comptroller was debarred from paying the salary, as the Civil Service Commission had not certified it.

The Public Service Commission de-

cided yesterday to hold a public hearing ganization to which she belonged had borough company should be compelled doors. The commission's expert maintains that the experimental train with the side doors has proved a success, while the engineers and operating officials of the company maintain that it is a failure. It is understood that after the hearing It is understood that on Tuesday the commissioners will de-cide to make official tests of their own

> Junter Prom at N. Y. University. The class of 1910 of New York University gave its junior promenade last night in the gymnasium on University Heights. The promenade was led by Campbell F. G. Norland at 10 o'clock Other members of the committee were H. B. Jennings, H. Anderson, E. I. Judd, J. K. Putnam, M. W. St. John, C. C. Puckhafer, J. F. Jung, J. W. McCoy, S. V. Damerel, E. W. Beckwith, J. Marshall, E. Griffen, J. Hill, J. J. Du Rand and S. H. Saraficen.

# TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

OF SANITARY SCIENCE.

culosis - Discusses the Danger From an Pollution of Streams State's Death

tection of public health the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Eugene H. Porter, in his annual report recommends the establishment of a State school of sanitary science and public health in connection with Cornell University. Dr. Porter points out that only \$10,000 a year has been allowed him in his work of stamping out tuberculosis, while thousands of dol-

The amount of preventable blindness in the State is shown in the report, as well STRIKING HATTERS ARRESTED. as the fact that a drop or two of dilute chemical agent in the eyes of a new born Orange Shops Make Hendway and Ohe is all that is necessary to prevent this affliction. Dr. Porter says he has mapped out a campaign of education on this question, and he asks for sufficient money to enable the department to furnish the

necessary preventive for general use. Pointing out the serious pollution of streams that occurs in many places in the State and the fact that there is no longer any need nor excuse for cities and villages to discharge raw sewage into streams, the report discusses the dangers of pollution by sewage and factory wastes. It is realized that the question of pollution by industrial wastes presents a serious problem, the difficulty being physician to Raymond street jail by the that with many of these wastes methods Board of Aldermen in January, 1908, of treatment have not been firmly established. The Commissioner asks that the Legislature pass suitable laws for enabling the department to order that the discharge

of sewage be stopped where the danger point has been reached and that funds be provided for research work in the matter of the disposal of industrial wastes. Many manufacturers realize the diffi-culties in the way of treating certain classes of wastes which are now commonly classes of wastes which are now commonly discharged into the nearest stream. Commissioner Porter believes a scien-

Commissioner Forter believes a scientific study of the pasteurization of makend a better supervision of dairies and the bottling and distribution of milk should be had. Universal pasteurization should not be required unless it can be shown that the method is not only practicable in its application but harmless in its results.

The Commissioner recommends that

authority be given the department to order sewage from municipalities to be properly disposed of, subject to the approperly disposed of, subject to the ap-proval of the Governor and the Attorney-General; that the pure food law, now a part of the public health law, be re-pealed, as the Department of Agricul-ture is actively carrying on this work. He also recommends the repeal of Chap-tre ess of the Laws of 1903 in relation to the also recommends the repeat of chap-ter 638 of the Laws of 1903 in relation to the establishment of hospitals and camps for the treatment of pulmonary tubercu-losis; also a revision of the laws with reflosis, also a revision of the laws with reference to the making of rules and regulations for the protection of public water supplies, simplifying the procedure. It is also said that the sanitary control of the watersheds of the city of New York the watersheds of the city of New York should be placed entirely in the hands of the authorities of that city. A thorough revision of the public health law is recommended.

rate in Greater New York was reduced from 18.5 to 16.8. Of the cities over 100,000 population Rochester has the lowest death rate, 14, and Buffalo has a death rate of 15.5. In the cities between 50,000 and 100,000 Schenectady has the low rate of 13.3 and Yonkers 15.3. Of the smaller cities Jamestown, Geneva and Little Falls have very low rates. Twenty-seven cities of the State show a decided decrease ALBANY, Feb. 19.—For the purpose of in the death rate from the average rate educating a class of trained men to for the last five years. Troy shows the serve the State in public office in the pro- highest death rate, 20.1; Rome next, 19.4, and Utica 19. The deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis were 14,316. The percentage of all deaths from tuberculosis has increased. Pneumonia caused 8,602 deaths. The mortality from cancer is steadily on the increase. The total number of births was 203,159. The New York city

births was 203,159. The New York City birth rate was 29, and the cities of Albany, Troy, Middletown, Ithaca, Watervliet, Saratoga Springs, Rensselaer and Ba-tavia reported more deaths than births. There were 20,000 less marriages performed in the State during the year 1908

Brooklyn Shop Gets More Men. ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 19.-The first arrests in connection with the hatters' Scarpa, 19 years old, a helper, was taken into custody for throwing a stone at an automobile in which were Henry Berg, head of the firm of F. Berg & Co., the shop which has made the most headway in getting non-union help and a number of strike breakers. The stone did no harm, but Scarpa, on whom was found a blackjack, was sent to the county jail

Commoccia De Vingo was arrested for interfering with the police in their efforts to keep the street around the Berg factory clear and he paid a fine of \$10. The Berg company got ten more men into their shop to-day with the aid of the police and E. V. Connett & Co. shipped

The strike pickets began to make matters unpleasant for the workers yesterday for the first time at the Samuel Mundheim Company's factory in Brooklyn. They followed the workers to their homes and called them unpleasant names, but did not attack them. A strong guard of police was around the factory and kept the strike pickets from gathering.

President Mundheim of the National Hat Manufacturers Association, who is head of this firm, said that it is employing nearly eighty men now and that yesterday nearly eighty men now and that yesterday morning it had fifty new applications, all of which would not be accepted.

yesterday that the first break had taken and that Lamson & Hubbard, members of the association, had resigned from it and made an agreement with the union for their 300 employees. The officers of the association said that this firm was a member, but they knew nothing as to its reported action.

Dr. H. Tilford Nock, whose home was in the South, died yesterday morning at to which he had recently been taken from the Kingston Avenue Hospital, where he had been serving as an interne for

BILL TO TAKE EXCISE CASES AWAY FROM REGULAR COPS.

Senator Burlingame Thinks It Would Eliminate a Great Deal of Graft From the Cities-Would Send Lawbreaking Saloon Keepers to Jail-Other Bills. More Testimony in the Government s

Burlingame, Jr., a young Brooklyn Senator, has introduced another bill relating to the Police Department of New York city. This time he designs to take the saloons out of the jurisdiction of police departments and vest the enforcement of the excise law in the first, second and third class cities of the State solely with the State Department of Excise. bill absolutely prohibits the police from entering saloons unless summoned to preserve the peace. To-day he issued a statement as follows:

"The non-enforcement of the law, and I am speaking of the existing conditions in New York city, is one of the most pro-lific if not the chief source of corruption strike occurred to-day when Salvatore grafters. The non-enforcement of the dishonest officials, and conditions in New York city were never worse.

The State government now has a force of sixty special agents and they work independently of the 18,196 police officers of the State, which number includes the 6,661 officers outside of the cities, including Sheriffs, deputies and town constables. My proposed law will provide for a material increase in the number of deputies.

"The excise law, in my opinion, should be strengthened. It appears that money penalties have not deterred violation. It has been suggested, and I have the saloon keeper and the saloon customer.

"The saloon keeper would not violate the law if he understood a jail term faced him. Neither would the average man attempt to break the law if a similar situation confronted him. My sole purpose is to promote respect for the law. The existing conditions tend to bring the statute into contempt and ridicule. The statute into contempt and ridicule. The divided into school and meeting rooms. excise law so long as it remains upon the statute books should be enforced. To-day

it is a farce."
Assemblyman Jesse S. Phillips, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has introduced the bill favored by the State Bar Association permitting the formation of corporations having capital stock divided the property of the state without nominal or par years. into shares without nominal or par value. into shares without nominal or par value. Such corporations may be formed for any lawful business purposes, but may not be moneyed corporations or educational institutions or corporations formed under the banking, insurance, railroad transportation, corporation and education

cent. on the amount specified in the certificate of incorporation as the minimum amount of capital of the corporation, and also on increases in the amount of capital. 'The bill provides for the issuance of shares of stock at prices authorized by the certificates of incorporation or fixed by the directors or stockholders, which shares are deemed fully paid and non-assessable.

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During the year 1908 the death rate of the State is the lowest ever recorded since the State is the lowest ever recorded since where near complete. There were 135,448 where near complete. There were 135,448 the state is the lowest ever recorded, and based upon the United States census of an estimated popusition.

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The young man's family are now on their way from the South to take charge of the consent of the Senate, and \$150,000 for the benefit of creditors.

given to indigent patients. When there is room patients able to pay may be admitted at rates to be determined

· SUGAR CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Against the Trust. The most important witness called at Wall street offices of the sugar company. show the differences existing between the resolutions also provided for several new customs weight and the purchase weight. He said he prepared such tables covering the period from 1901, when the company was formed, to November 20, 1907, when the

corporation in tampering with the scales The witness stated that each year he lific if not the chief source of cofruption of the Police Department. I do not mean that the police force as a whole is corrupt, but it includes a number of downright grafters. The non-enforcement of the excise law is a source of vast revenue to excise law is a source of vast reven also showed the differences in weights secured by the city weighers and the customs weighers on each truckload of sugar landed at the Williamsburg docks between December 1, 1901, and October 31, 1908. The witness added that Mr. Havemeyer never asked to see these tables and that he did not see them up to the time of his death in December, 1907. secured by the city weighers and the cus Court adjourned to next Wednesday.

matter under consideration, to provide the architect of 170 Fifth avenue, to prea jail penalty for violation, both for the pare plans for a new hall to be erected

tary contributions. The block front on Central Park West from Sixty-third to Sixty-fourth street was bought by the society about eight years ago. The Ethical Culture School Building was built on the southerly half of the property and the remainder of the block was allowed to remain vacant until such time Sorrow, real estate dealer, will have to as the society should obtain sufficient go to the penitentiary for wrecking the funds to erect a hall.

The society now holds its meetings in the Carnegie Lyceum.

DOWN ALL REQUESTS.

Chief Croker One Who Will Not Get a Raise The Washington Square Court House Project Also Rejected-The

In the calendar which faced the Board of Estimate at yesterday's meeting were yesterday's session of the Government's many resolutions calling for increasing suit against the American Sugar Refining salaries of city officials and creating Company was Otto Schmelter, the import new jobs Among these were proposals clerk employed by Mr. Havemeyer in the to increase the salary of Fire Chief Croker from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year and of Sani-Schmelter said that H. O. Havemeyer in tary Superintendent Bensel of the Board 1904 directed him to prepare tables to of Health from \$5,000 to \$7,000. The offices in the Finance Department. These proposals were first made when the budget for this year was being made up last fall and all were referred to the Board of Estimate for action. That was why yesterday's calendar, but it was well understood none would receive the sanotion of the board.

It turned out that way. In not a single instance was the necessary number of votes obtained for the passage of a resolu

The board rejected the recommendation made by the Court House Commission made by the Court House Commission that the new court house should be built on the Washington Square site. This action was taken on a report submitted by the Board's special committee. The committee's report was adopted unanimously. Mayor McClellan, who is a resident of Washington Square, refrained on that account from voting. The Court House Commission will now have to start work again in the effort to find

NEW ETHICAL CULTURE HALL.

d Building to Be Erected Adjoining the Society's School on Fifth Avenue.

The Ethical Culture Society of New York has commissioned Robert D. Kohn, the architect of 170 Fifth avenue, to prepare plans for a new hall to be erected for the society at the south corner of Central Park West and Sixty-fourth street.

The building is to be three stories high. The ground floor will be arranged to start work again in the effort to find another site. The belief is held by many Judges and lawyers that the plan to construct a new building on the site of the present court house will be adopted ultimately. Comptroller Metz and Park Commissioner Smith clashed over a proposal to spend \$55,000 on the fencing in of the grass plots which are being laid on upper Broadway. Mr. Smith said that unless the plots were fenced they would speedily be destroyed and the money spent for the beautifying of the thoroughfare would thus be wasted.

"I will not vote for this outlay!" ex-

The building is to be three stories high. The ground floor will be arranged as a hall with a seating capacity of about 1.200. The two upper stories will be divided into school and meeting rooms. The plans when completed will be submitted to Dr. Felix Adler, who is now in Berlin.

It is expected that work will begin on the new structure in about a month. The funds for it are being obtained by voluntary contributions. The block front on Central Park West from Sixty-third to

Bank Wreckers Must Go to Penitentiary Judge of the Circuit Court, and Gustav F. go to the penitentiary for wrecking the Bank of America. The Supreme Court to-day sustained the conviction in the ower court. Smith, the president, and Sorrow, the vice-president, were indicted in April, 1906, for wrecking the institu-tion ten days after it had been started.

present occupant, for \$6,500. The property was owned by former Mayor William H. Belcher when he disappeared from Paterson a defaulter and embezzler to the amount of \$100,000, and it was sold for the benefit of creditors.

Stockholders lost \$175,000.